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"Public Comments for Delta Plan Amendment, 4/28/17 Board Meeting"
Please have the below comments read aloud at the DSC Board meeting

Clerk of the Board, Pat Rogers, Pat.Rogers@deltacouncil.ca.gov

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Dear Delta Stewardship Council Board of Directors,

This comment is written in OPPOSITION to currently-proposed Delta Plan Amendment. It appears the "19 Principles" do not recognize senior water rights, and therefore might operate to effectively eliminate senior water rights. If you eliminate senior water rights, then you are eliminating one of the primary values associated with most lands in the Delta, thereby reducing land values and in effect committing government eminent domain without just compensation. What happened to the promise that the areas of California where the water originates shall not be deprived of the prior right to all water reasonably required to meet the needs of the watershed, per Water Code Section 11460? It also appears the 19 Principles do not function to protect the Delta as a place, including the prime farm lands, the recreation, the environment or the legacy towns.

Look at the name of the board upon which you sit. "Delta Stewardship". Are you acting as a wise steward of the Delta when you promote any action that would excessively drain the flows from the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds away from the Delta? The drought gave us a small short term example of the negative impacts from managed low flows into the Delta, including substantial degradation of surface water quality, substantial degradation of Delta and Bay Area drinking water aquifer quality, and what appears may be the extinction of several native fish species from California's fresh waters. If a four or five-year drought can do this much damage to the Delta and Bay area, imagine what sustained management of Sacramento River watershed flows into permanent drought-level status would do to the Delta and San Francisco Bay area counties and individual land owners. In other words, for at least twelve years too much water has been allowed to be diverted from the Sacramento River watershed before it reaches the Delta. Delta flows and diversions appear to have been operated as if in a "drought", even when there was no drought. Neither DWR or USBR have disclosed to the public actual amounts *diverted* to achieve the stated deliveries to other areas of the state. Please listen and observe what operating the Delta in a drought-flow status does to the native aquatic species, and what drought-flows operations have done to the drinking water aquifer.

Perhaps it is time for you to stand firm and vote as a "Delta Steward" and demand full disclosure of *diversions*, demand that Waterboard first determine and validate necessary flow levels to protect the Delta and all senior water rights, and vote "no" on any amendment to the Delta Plan that would promote any further excessive diversions of flows away from the Delta in average, dry and critical dry precipitation years.

Finally, how do each of the 19 Principles, one by one, work to achieve the coequal goals? (Screen print from DSC website from this morning below). What happens to Delta recreation if Delta in-flows are so low that it impacts fishing, boating and drinking water quality? How is economic stability of the legacy towns and whole legal Delta area protected if low freshwater flows result in saltwater intrusion which eliminates use of the degraded prime farm lands of the Delta? Or do the principles work to simply promote continued excessive freshwater diversions from the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds. ***Are you a "Delta" steward or a "Water Contractors" steward?***

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Coequal goals

The Delta Stewardship Council was created in legislation to achieve the state mandated coequal goals for the Delta. "'Coequal goals' means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place." (CA Water Code §85054)

In any case, thank you for your time and effort, and for listening to our concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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